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CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

WHAT HAPPENED TO KHATIE?

NEW JERSEY.

SHE'S BEEN SITTING HERE
FOR THREE HOURS.





AND I THOUGHT
SHERMAN OAKS
WAS BAD.

An aerial, high-angle view of a suburban neighborhood at night. A dark-colored sedan is driving away from the viewer on a winding road, leaving a bright white smoke trail behind it. The road is flanked by dense green trees and bushes. In the upper left, a large, multi-story house with many lit windows is visible. The scene is illuminated by the car's headlights and the house's lights, creating a dramatic atmosphere.

BOOM!!!

OTHER THAN A BIG SALE AT
THE MALL AT SHORT HILLS--

--THE ONLY THING THAT
COULD GET HER TO RENT A
CAR AND DRIVE THROUGH THE
HOLLAND TUNNEL IS THIS:

MY
NAILS ARE
STILL WET,
GEORDIE--

--IF YOU
CAN'T TAKE

COME

THE THIRD BAG,
YOU'RE GOING TO
HAVE TO WAIT
FOR ME.

COME
ON, MOM...I
JUST WANT
TO WATCH MY
SHOW!



"GOTCHA..."



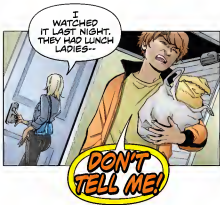


SHE COULDN'T BELIEVE IT
WHEN HIS PICTURE CAME UP..





...NOW SHE'S
FOLLOWING HIM.



"CHOPPED."

HIS FAVORITE
SHOW.



HE ALSO LIKES
SELENA GOMEZ AND
"THE WALKING DEAD."

A close-up comic book panel of a woman with long, wavy red hair and red-rimmed glasses. She has a determined, slightly angry expression on her face. She is wearing a yellow top. The background is dark and out of focus.

YOU
CAN DO
THIS.



YOU CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT
PEOPLE ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

I'M JUST GOING TO GO
UP THERE AND KNOCK
ON THE FRONT DOOR...

...AND INTRODUCE

MYSELF TO HIS
MOTHER.



HIS
MOTHER.

WHAM



THERE'S
A BETTER
WAY TO
HANDLE
THIS.



ZOE STILL WANTS TO KNOW WHY
GEORDIE WAS AT FASHION WEEK, BUT
THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT.





I'M NOT TALKING
TO HIS MOTHER.







SHE SHOULD'VE
KNOCKED ON HIS
WINDOW.

NEW YORK HOSPITAL.

WEEE-AWWWW-

KHATIE'S BEEN
UNCONSCIOUS
FOR TWO WEEKS.



THE ELECTROLYSIS AND
THE ANDROGEN BLOCKERS
HAVE KEPT ANY UNWANTED
HAIR FROM GROWING IN...

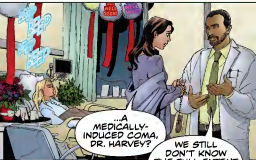




...AND HER SISTER,
MILY, DOES HER MAKE-
UP EVERY MORNING.

WHEN KHATIE
WAKES UP, SHE'L

...I WANT TO LOOK
HER BEST.



...A
MEDICALLY-
INDUCED COMA,
DR. HARVEY?

WE STILL
DON'T KNOW
THE FULL EXTENT
OF THE DAMAGE,
AND THE COMA
GIVES HER BODY

DEED

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEEEEE--





HE WAS GOING TO SAY, THE
COMA GIVES KHATIE'S BODY
TIME TO HEAL ITSELF.





**WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!**

YOU
NEED TO
LEAVE.
NOW!

CHARGING
PADDLES...





WE'RE
LOSING
HER!



CLEAR--!



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